v) Promoting IUD 380A intensively as a spacing method because of its longevity of 10 years and advantages over other IUDs.

vi) Fixed day Fixed Place Family Planning Services round the year made possible on account of growing number of 24x7 PHCs and better functioning CHCs and other health facilities under NRHM.

vii) Increasing the basket of choice by systematically and carefully introducing new and effective contraceptives in the programme. The outreach activities through the institution of ASHAs and Monthly Health and Nutrition Days under NRHM have also helped.

Sickle Cell Anaemia

1600. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether June 19, 2009 was remembered as World Sickle Cell Anaemia Awareness Day in the world to deal with the disease, an inherited condition that affects hundreds of thousands of babies born each year, mostly in low and middle income countries;

(b) if so, whether Government is aware that in India thousands of tribal children born with this disease and die due to unawareness;

(c) whether Government has made survey of tribal population of entire country having symptoms and traits of this disease; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the number of deaths recorded during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Yes, Madam. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has been supporting research in this area in its own Institutes and other research institutions for over two decades. Council has recently completed a multicentric study on primitive tribal populations of four States i.e Gujarat, Orissa, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. It was reported from the study that the sickle cell gene was present in all the tribal groups. Among the tribal groups, the prevalence of sickle cell gene was found to be very high (21.9%) in Paniyas from Nilgiris (Tamil Nadu) and very low (1.1%) in Didayis from Orissa. Information regarding death records is maintained by the State Governments.

Child mortality rate

1601. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 54 children out of every 1000 children die before attaining one year due to many reasons;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the exact reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to protect the children from such deaths in each State specially in Andhra Pradesh where the poor people like SCs and STs live in the tribal areas in East Godavari, West Godavari, Visakhapatnam and Khammam districts of Andhra Pradesh by releasing sufficient funds to hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) According to the Sample Registration System (SRS) of Registrar General of India 2007, the Infant Mortality Rate is 55 per 1000 live births.

(b) The major causes of Infant Mortality as per the Report on Causes of Death in India 2001-2003 Office of the Registrar General, India Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi are as follows:

- Perinatal conditions
- Respiratory infections
- Diarrhoeal diseases
- Other infectious and parasitic diseases
- Congenital anomalies

(c) The Reproductive and Child Health programme (RCH) II [2005-10] under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) [2005-12], comprehensively integrates interventions that improve child health and addresses factors contributing to mortality amongst children. This is being implemented across the country.

The Components of child health programme which help reduce child morbidity and mortality are as follows:

i. Essential newborn care

ii. Immunization

iii. Infant and young child feeding

iv. Vitamin A supplementation and Iron and Folic Acid supplementation

v. Early detection and appropriate management of Acute Respiratory Infections, Diarrhoea and other infections

vi. Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses (IMNCI) and Pre- Service IMNCI

vii. Facility Based New Born Care.

Growth of MSMEs

1602. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state: